

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for a thorough consideration of the pending application. Claims 1, 19-45 and 48-55 have been cancelled, and Claims 2-5, 7, 10 and 15 have been amended. Claims 2-18, 46 and 47 are presently pending.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5, 10, 15-17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, 35 and 38-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,321,158). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons stated in Applicants' previous Response. Nonetheless, these claims have been cancelled or rewritten to depend from an allowed claim to expedite issuance of a patent to Applicants' invention. The claims cancelled are done so without prejudice to claim the subject matter in a continuing application.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6, 18, 20, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLorme et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,321,158). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons stated in Applicants' previous Response. Nonetheless, these claims have been cancelled or rewritten to depend from an allowed claim to expedite issuance of a patent to Applicants' invention. The claims cancelled are done so without prejudice to claim the subject matter in a continuing application.

Claims 4, 7, 21, 24 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLorme et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,321,158) in view of Berry (U.S. Pat. No. 6,559,773). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons stated in Applicants' previous Response. Nonetheless, these claims have been cancelled or rewritten to depend from an allowed claim to expedite issuance of a patent to Applicants' invention. The claims cancelled are done so without prejudice to claim the subject matter in a continuing application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 8 and 9 are allowed and Claims 11-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Presently, Applicants have amended Claims 2-5, 7, 10 and 15 to include the limitations of an allowed claim. Thus, each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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